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Application of) Group Art Unit:
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Int'l. Appln. No. PCT/EP00/06484) Examiner:
Int'l. Filing Date: 7 July 2000) DEVICE FOR CONTROLLING THE HOOKING OF TWO SHEET PILE LOCKS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is requested that U.S. national stage examination be carried out on the amended claims contained in this Preliminary Amendment. These claims replace those contained in the application, as filed. Prior to computing the filing fee in this application, kindly amend the above identified application, as follows. The filing fee is to be computed on the amended claims.

In the Abstract:

A clean copy of the Abstract as published is attached. No changes to the Abstract have been made.

In the Specification:

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, between the title and the first line of text as follows:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present application is the U.S. national stage application of International Application PCT/EP00/06484, filed July 7, 2000, which international application was